

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Attorney Docket No.: ASAIN0155
)	
Shinya MORITA et al)	Confirmation No.: 3067
)	
Serial No.: 10/516,449)	Group Art Unit: 2881
)	
Filed: December 1, 2004)	Examiner: Kiet Tuan NGUYEN
)	
For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING)	Date: February 5, 2008
NEUTRON BEAM AND METHOD)	
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	

COMMENTS (B) ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE

United States Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 28, 2007, please enter the following comments regarding the application identified above as follows:

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 28, 2007, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 28, 2007, at 2, lines 10-15. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the language of the allowed claims, especially independent claims 1 and 7. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1-11, Applicants object. Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C.



Joerg-Uwe Szimpl
Registration No. 31,799

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C.
Suite PH-1
2300 Ninth Street, South
Arlington, VA 22204

Telephone: (703) 979-5700
Facsimile: (703) 979-7429
Email: gands@szipl.com
Customer No.: 24203